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### NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 3-16-53

WEATHER The week was much warmer except the last two days, when a return to seasonable temperatures occurred. Light to moderate showers occurred Friday night and Saturday over the eastern and central portions of the State, but the west received little or no rain.

CROPS Winter wheat is now greening up in the northern portion of the State, since the heavy snow melted. Most of the snow disappeared last week, even in Sioux county, which received 33 inches of snow during February. Wheat and rye in northern Nebraska, which did not come up last fall, is now sprouting.

Wheat in the eastern and central portions made good progress last week as a result of moisture received March 2 followed by generally favorable temperatures. The early March precipitation was very light in the southern Panhandle and there was practically no precipitation last week in this area and most of the southwestern counties that needed more moisture. Only three counties in southwestern Nebraska -- Hitchcock, Red Willow and Frontier -- received any appreciable moisture last week.

Most of the reports on wheat that sprouted and came up this spring are quite favorable. There are some reports of a spotted condition and some damage from wind. It looks as if the abandonment will not be as large as indicated December 1 due to precipitation since then, with temperatures generally averaging above normal since January 1. The periods of low temperatures were short and the moisture in the top soil protected the crop from injury.

There was some field work in western portions but in the balance of the State it was delayed due to rain and to the wet condition in the northern portions. Farmers are eager to prepare their land for seeding early spring crops. There are a few local shortages of hay but most of the counties are reporting a little surplus. Wheat in some localities in western Nebraska is being pastured. Grasses and alfalfa have started to grow. The shipments of potatoes March 6-12 totaled 146 cars, bringing the total for the season up to 4,217 cars, or about 500 cars above the shipments for the same date a year ago.

LIVESTOCK Aside from very muddy feed lots, conditions have been very favorable for livestock. Reports on the pig and calf crops have been generally favorable. Except for a few local shortages, the hay and feed supply is ample. With generally ample surface moisture and favorable temperatures, the present outlook is for early pasture. There are a few reports of shortage of range in the Sandhills but generally the range feed situation is very favorable in the northern portion of the Sandhills.

### WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 16, 1953

#### Eastern Division

Grand Island .29  
Lincoln .37  
Norfolk .15  
Omaha .57  
Sioux City .34

#### Central Division

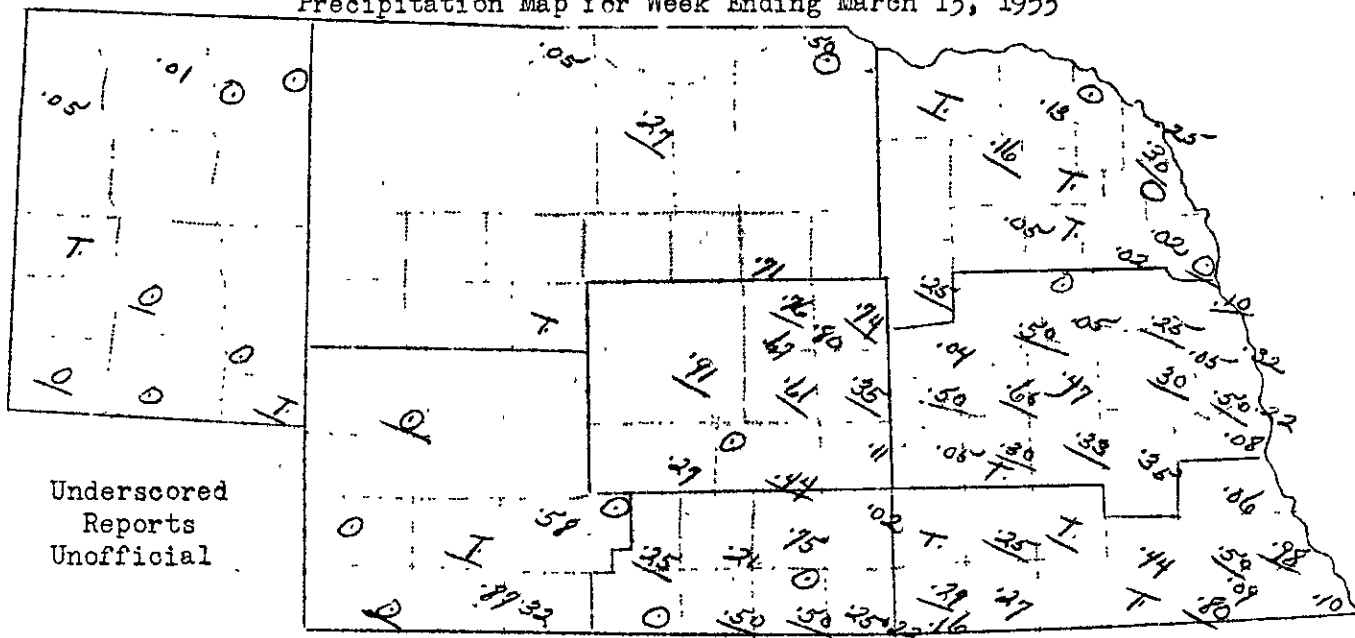
Burwell .71  
Lexington .31  
North Platte ...  
Valentine .10

#### Western Division

Chadron .01  
Imperial 0  
Scottsbluff 0  
Sidney 0

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Precipitation Map for Week Ending March 13, 1953



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		March		10th		11th		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	58	31	60	31	59	29	60	37	62	32	45	20	58	36		
	Scottsbluff	63	30	67	32	51	25	63	35	62	34	45	19	60	42		
	Sidney	64	30	66	30	61	23	62	36	65	32	44	17	55	27		
N-C	Burwell	61	37	60	42	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
	Valentine	51	34	45	38	63	29	51	31	59	33	37	23	44	32		
NE	Norfolk	62	37	55	38	58	32	56	32	62	46	51	26	40	28		
	Sioux City	60	37	51	36	55	35	50	28	61	41	46	28	39	24		
CEN.	Grand Island	61	40	60	42	51	34	65	43	--	--	47	28	50	33		
	Lexington	61	39	59	39	54	27	65	43	66	34	47	29	53	27		
E-C	Lincoln	62	46	52	46	52	42	63	43	66	49	46	29	47	34		
	Omaha	63	44	50	45	51	45	60	33	67	47	51	33	44	28		
SW	Imperial	61	25	69	30	66	28	65	43	71	36	47	20	58	21		
	North Platte	60	32	63	34	60	26	65	42	--	--	45	24	55	25		

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